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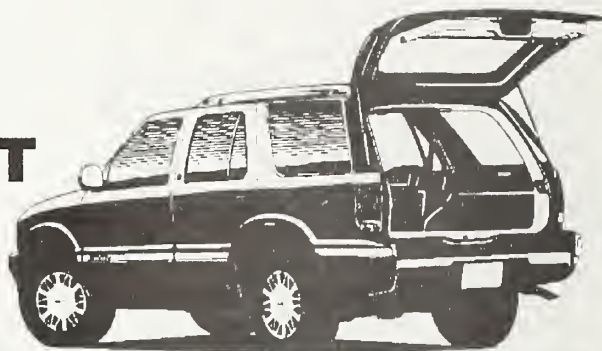
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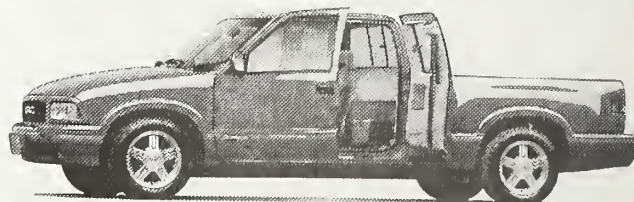


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The Big Break
Local Man Featured in Spielberg Film
 By Kenneth J. Souza

For Marion's Brian Belli, his brush with greatness came not as an on-the-spot embellishment during a late-night talk show, but under the careful scrutiny and watchful eye of Academy Award-winning director Steven Spielberg. And what started with the urging of his son to audition for a period project being filmed in nearby New England locations ended up with an extended part in the forthcoming Spielberg epic, *Amistad*.

"My son, Andrew, heard about the film on the news and he thought it would be a great thing for us to get involved in," Mr. Belli said. "He's heavily involved in school and enjoys the stage ... and we went down there and waited in line for hours and gave them a resume and photo. About a month later they called my house, and I was excited. But they had called for me, and not for my son."

Mr. Belli said he was surprised to have been selected, since he initially auditioned on a whim. "I figured I was out there waiting in line, why not try out? In fact, I gave them a picture that I had drawn of myself, and under the drawing I put 'can be animated if needed,'" he said. "Perhaps that got their attention, I don't know. You have to get their attention sometimes with something different."

After agreeing to show up to work as an extra on the film — a period piece set in the early 1800's which tells the story of a revolt aboard a slave ship — Mr. Belli would soon find himself rubbing elbows with the likes of Morgan Freeman, Matthew McConaughey, Nigel Hawthorne, and Anthony Hopkins. "They originally cast me as a Supreme Court gentleman, an onlooker, a wealthy landowner," he said. "And when I went to do the scene, they wanted about 30 men — there were no women, of course. At this time in history, women couldn't vote, they didn't own land, they weren't in Congress, they weren't in courts. Everything revolved around the men."

After being fitted for a costume, Mr. Belli explained that he was chosen by the assistant director to play an extra in a court room scene that first day. "We went into rehearsal and then we had lunch," he said. "During lunch, I realized Steven Spielberg was sitting at my table. I didn't say a word throughout lunch ... I was kind of frozen in my tracks. When we came back after lunch, they had moved the bench where I was sitting and I was told they no longer needed us ... because the lights weren't perfect for the scene, they had to make changes."

Needless to say, despite seeing Mr. Spielberg and the other Hollywood players, Mr. Belli's first day on the set was less than thrilling. "I went home very disappointed ... however, I got a call that evening at 1:30 in the morning asking if I'd like to be a Congressman," Mr. Belli said. "So I met them up in Boston ... and that's

when I did my first scene as an extra. We had to walk through a scene in the halls of Congress. And I later had a larger scene when I was sitting in front of Anthony Hopkins."

Mr. Belli described the Oscar-winning Sir Anthony Hopkins as a very "down-to-earth man" who certainly doesn't carry an air of self-importance about him. "I sat in front of Anthony Hopkins during his big scene (as John Quincy Adams at the State House) in Boston ... and I had a brief conversation with him after his scene," he said. "I think he'd prefer to be one of the guys but his position doesn't allow him to be."

Though he was happy enough to have been included in the film at all, Mr. Belli's adventure was just beginning. He would next be "upgraded" to play a more significant one-on-one role with Nigel Hawthorne as President Martin Van Buren. "How I got my (big) scene was really strange," he said. "They were filming different angles of the presidential campaign train ... and one time the train stopped and the secretary to the president had to come down off the train and take a letter to the president, while under a lot of stress. They chose me to be that

On the cover: Brian Belli of Marion poses on the set of Steven Spielberg's Amistad. Mr. Belli had a big scene in the historical epic with actor Nigel Hawthorne. (Photo courtesy of Brian Belli.)

Cover insert: Prosecuting Attorney Paul Sullivan offers his closing arguments in a mock trial of four Old Hammondtown School students in Mattapoisett who were accused of drinking and taking prescription medication. The mock trial was sponsored for Grade 5 students as part of the school's DARE Program. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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person."

Mr. Belli explained that his scene, which lasts about "four minutes" in the movie, was partly-scripted and partly-improvised. "I'm taking a letter with a (quill) and inkwell to (President Van Buren)," he said. "(Mr. Spielberg) gave me props — the quill, letter, and inkwell — and he wanted me to play the scene under duress."

In order to heighten his sense of nervousness and duress, Mr. Belli decided to exchange hats with a fellow Congressman, so he would have something to play off. "The other Congressman's hat was a bit big ... and I figured that would be an additional thing for me to have to deal with while I was trying to take this letter to the president," he said. "So during the scene the hat would be creeping down on my forehead and I'd have to deal with that, too."

Of course, Mr. Belli did get some pointers from his director, too. In fact, he noticed a clear example of Mr. Spielberg's "genius" while they were shooting his big scene. "I had watched him do I'd say 100 takes or more of some scenes," he said. "And the whole time he was very patient. But when he wanted me to play my scene a little on edge, he put me on edge. I realized what he was trying to do, he was trying to make me nervous — because that's what the scene called for. I thought to myself, that's not what he's like ... so I knew why he was doing it."

"Spielberg wanted me to play a type of a bumpkin and I guess I was able to pull it off," Mr. Belli

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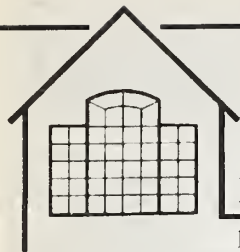
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said. "However, it is out of character for me. It was something of a stretch ... though my wife may not think so."

Unlike the image many people have of Hollywood directors — especially someone of Steven Spielberg's stature — Mr. Belli said he is far from a control freak, and displays an incredible amount of patience and professionalism when dealing with his actors. "The image I had of Steven Spielberg was that he was very talented and he was able to put down his vision on film," he said. "I just never realized that he was able to translate his vision to his (actors). I saw that was very easily done. He's an actor himself. He would go down and do the scene himself for the actors ... and you would say to yourself,

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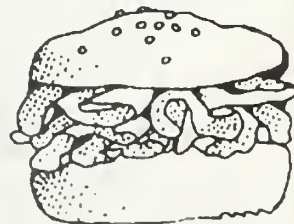
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"Mr. Spielberg is a patient, patient, patient man, which isn't easy when you're working with a lot of people in different environments," Mr. Belli added. "This is a period piece where we had to stop shooting every time a plane went over (us). We did a lot of outside scenes, especially in Providence, where there was an ambulance going by every ten minutes."

Mr. Belli said it was a dream come true to work with Steven Spielberg, and noted that the director surrounds himself with professional, talented people. "One thing people don't realize on big movies like this is there are often more people behind the camera than are on camera," he said. "Even in the larger scenes, there are still hundreds of people communicating with each other over headsets ... Mr. Spielberg is obviously the director, but he has his generals that he's constantly speaking to and everybody flares out — it's unbelievable."

According to Mr. Belli, the Spielberg entourage treats everyone with an equal amount of respect. "Working with his people, I was very impressed with the coordination and professionalism of everyone under him," he said.

In addition to getting onscreen time in a Spielberg film, the nine days of work which resulted in 12 different scenes also qualified Mr. Belli to become a member of the Screen Actors' Guild (SAG) and the possibility of a screen credit. Such honors could also lead to future film roles.

"I'm hoping I'll get a screen credit ... maybe as 'the bumbling presidential aide,'" he mused. "I've made a few calls, now hopefully I can get a few parts here and there."

One possible project he's interested in is a rumoured remake of Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*, which would be filmed in New Bedford starring Patrick Stewart of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* fame.

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Learning the Law

Mattapoissett Students Face Judge and Jury

By Kenneth J. Souza

Four fifth grade students from Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoissett were tried Monday on possession and illegal use of alcohol and prescription drugs during an after-school gathering at one of the youth's homes in town. Three of the four were convicted of the crime and sentenced to jail time, while the fourth was found not guilty and released.

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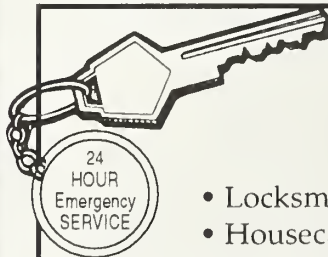
to be true. The school staged its first-ever "mock trial" as part of a three-week program teaching students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Grade 5 teacher Kevin Tavares contacted Darren Johnson, the Community Education Assistant from the District Attorney's office, to set up the program, which culminated in the aforementioned proceeding. Participating in the event were real-life Prosecuting Attorney Paul Sullivan, Defense Attorney Maria DeSouto, and Sgt. Paul Magee, DARE officer with the Mattapoisett Police Department.

"The program was held over a three-week period, lasting one hour each week," said Mr. Tavares. "It was run in conjunction with the DARE Program. The first week Darren Johnson came to the school to set up the scenario of four students who go to a friend's house after school. They're watching MTV and they find some beers in the fridge. They start drinking and a female student goes into the bathroom and finds some pills in the medicine cabinet, which she takes."

After setting up the fictional scenario, the students are told the police are called in when neighbors hear a disturbance at the house. Sgt. Magee responds to the call and finds two of the students in the house, intoxicated, and the girl passed out from taking the pills. The fourth student — who is later found not guilty — is outside, playing basketball.

"The second week, the students are shown some of the drug and alcohol paraphernalia which has been collected from the crime scene," Mr. Tavares said. "Then, in the final week, the students are tried for possession of alcohol and the rest of the (Grade 5) students serve as the jury."

Those tried and found guilty by a jury of their peers in the mock proceedings were Hannah Blanchard, Ben Mechler, and Corey Sylvia. Ross Upton was acquitted of the crime.



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April 29, 1997

By Pamela L. Sylvia

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were Selectman Paul R. Lambalot, Selectman Michele Bernier, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After approving the minutes from the March 25 and April 22 meetings, the board held a hearing regarding the layout of Cedar Point Avenue for acceptance as a public way. After hearing several residents on the issue, the board unanimously voted to accept the road as a town way.

On the agenda at 8:00 pm, the board met with Librarian Sue Tweedy regarding a new part-time position opening at the Mattapoisett Public Library, due to a recent staff retirement.

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At 8:15 pm, the board met with Maureen Best, Marilyn Lee, Gregory Sawyer, Ellen Driscoll, and Sarah Guille. Each of these five people were then unanimously appointed to the town's Recreation Committee. With many questions and high hopes, the new members will meet in the near future to discuss their first order of business.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- A copy of a letter sent to Planning Board Chairman Chris Jaskolka from Irma Nicholson, along with a number of other Brant Beach residents. Ms. Nicholson's letter addresses the fact that of the 120 households at Brant Beach, six are in opposition to the Rand Project;
- Correspondence from Deborah Stinson, Program Director for Continental Cablevision. Ms. Stinson informed the board that she received a message on her answering machine from Elliot Donovan regarding the taping of the weekly Mattapoisett Selectmen's meetings. Ms. Stinson forwarded her request to the board for consideration;
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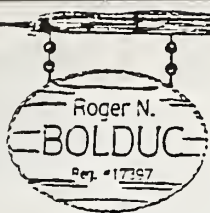


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The board also announced the Annual Town Meeting has been rescheduled to June 2 and 3 at 7:30 pm

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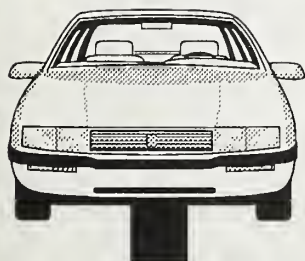
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With no further business to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Quaker Meeting Paper Sale

In 1913, when the Mattapoisett water commissioners were proposing the North Street standpipe, at least one town resident objected strenuously. Edward P. Faunce was so outraged he had printed up for public distribution a 24-page open letter to the commissioners outlining his objections.

A copy of that tract will be among Old Rochester historical paper items up for sale on May 3 when the Mattapoisett Friends Meeting (Quaker) holds its annual benefit auction of paper collectibles. The Saturday morning auction will get underway at 9:00 am and is expected to last about four hours. Viewing will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 pm the evening before and 7:00 to 9:00 am on the day of the sale.

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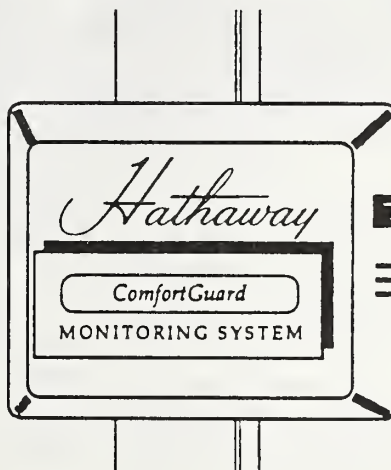


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indenture, signed by John Dexter and Edward Holmes (largest salt works owner in Sippican) complete with wax seal. It is dated Rochester, 1726. Also of local interest is a homemade 19th century stamp album inscribed "Nathan Mendell, Mattapoissett, Mass., Barstow School," two old photographs believed to be Mattapoissett's Arch Bridge, and a lot of 24 Mattapoissett postcards.

In the past, the benefit sale has attracted buyers from throughout the Northeast and mail bidders from almost every state and Canada. Successful bids on various items have ranged from \$1 to \$8,100. Sale proceeds are used by the Friends to help finance local, national, and worldwide projects.

Rummage Sale in Marion

The Women of St. Gabriel's Church present their Annual Rummage Sale to be held on Friday, May 2 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The sale will be held in the Parish Hall at the church (corner of Front Street and South Street in Marion). The sale will include clothing, linens, housewares, books, children's clothing, and luggage. The sale will be held rain or shine. The church hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

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at the Russell Memorial Library (closed on Monday, May 26). Work may be delivered to the library on Saturday, May 24 between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon, and 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Sunday, May 25 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm will be Artists and Guests Preview Day and artists are welcome to bring as many as eight adult guests. This session will not be open to the public. Public showing will begin on Sunday, May 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm; and continue on Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, May 30 (6:00 to 8:00 pm); Saturday, May 31 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm; and Sunday, June 1 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

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early and no work is to be left at the library after this time unless arrangements have been made (a contact person must be notified).

The show is open to any Acushnet resident (16 years of age or older) and beginners are always welcome. There will be four separate classes for judging purposes, including: watercolor, oil and acrylic, mixed category (pastels, photography, theorem, pen and ink, and mixed media), and crafts. Artists may bring up to four piece and all will be hung (space permitting). A few very small paintings are acceptable. The hanging of any art work will be at the discretion of the committee. All work to be hung must be framed and ready to hang.

Ceramics, woodcarvings, fine jewelry, sculpture, painting on wood and metal, and other mixed media are also limited to four items. Artists may bring more, but they will only be displayed if space allows. Small items such as jewelry and miniatures must be cased and count as one item. All items must fit on a table as space is limited.

Thanks to a grant from the Acushnet Cultural Council, the following prizes will be awarded: First Place - \$25; Second Place - \$15; Third Place - \$10; and Honorable Mention ribbons will be given in each of the four categories. All prizes will be determined by a judge. One Popular Vote Award of \$25 will be given in the combined categories of watercolor, oil and acrylic, and mixed category; and another \$25 Popular Vote Award will be given in the crafts category.

The Special Show this year will be the work of Steven Olivier.

The Art Show Committee for 1997 is Edward Macomber (Chairman and Contact Person); Walter Owen (Honorary Lifetime Chairman); Mr. and Mrs. Carl Couto; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dalton; Mrs. Jeannette Francis; Mr.

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ENUFF in Fairhaven

Every Neighbor United for Fairhaven's Future (ENUFF) will be sponsoring a "Swing Into Spring Dance" on Saturday, May 3 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Music will be provided by Chris Oliver and a continental breakfast will be served, along with the awarding of door prizes. Donation is \$5 per person. For tickets, please call 993-3355 or 992-6207.

The next General Meeting of ENUFF will be held on Monday, May 5 at 7:00 pm at the VFW Hall on Main Street in Fairhaven (across from the Seaport Inn). Guest speaker will be Matt Wilson from the Toxic Action Center. Refreshments will be served.

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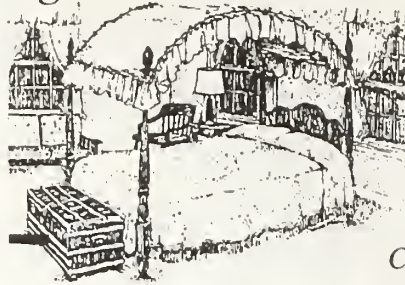


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Registration will begin at 7:45 am in the parking lot off Main Street near the railroad bridge in Buzzards Bay. The walk will kick off at 8:00 am. Walkers are welcome to register until 10:30 am. The event will be held rain or shine. The 10K walk will proceed along the paved bicycle path of the Cape Cod Canal and is suitable for reasonably fit walkers of all ages. Water and orange slices will be provided along the way. The walk will turn at the herring run. The halfway point will be clearly marked for those who prefer to turn and walk 5K. A first aid truck will pass frequently for those who wish to end their walk at any time.

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Seaside Swing in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Lions Club is sponsoring a dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, May 17 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight.

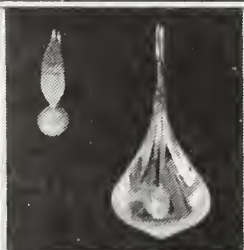
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Marion's Sippican Seniors

Meeting

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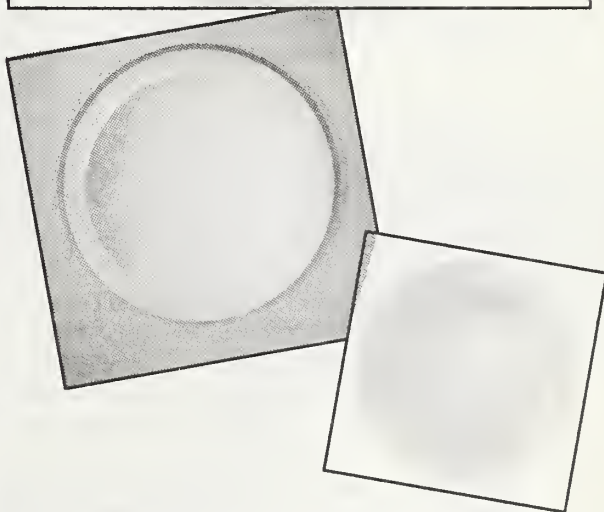


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Executive Board

The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 am on Monday, May 5 at the Drop-In Center.

Bargain Table

Dorothy Boardman welcomes new items for her Bargain Table and urges members to drop by the table when attending the meetings.

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Annie Giberti, our Campbell soup lady, reminds everyone to save labels for her and bring them to the next meeting.

Choral Society Awards

The Sippican Choral Society is pleased to announce the availability of two annual awards available to graduating seniors from Old Rochester Regional High School and Wareham High School. The Old Rochester Regional High School Award is the Thelma K. Ostfeld Memorial Scholarship in memory of a beloved piano teacher and accompanist from Marion. The Wareham Award is the Sippican Choral Award.

Both awards are to be given to a graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional contributions to choral music while in high school. In addition, the student should intend to pursue his/her musical activities after graduation. Any interested student can contact the respective Guidance Department for application forms and other informational materials.

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Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

April 28, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, April 14 at 5:30 pm by Chairman Robert J. St. Jean. Also present were Selectman Everett L. Hardy, Selectman Peter W. Koczera, and Executive Secretary Elaine Miranda.

Before reviewing incoming correspondence for the week, the board first voted to again hold re-appointment of Chris Renfree to the By-Law Review Committee until they had a chance to discuss this with Mr. Renfree. Ms. Miranda noted that traditionally a representative from the Building Department is always on

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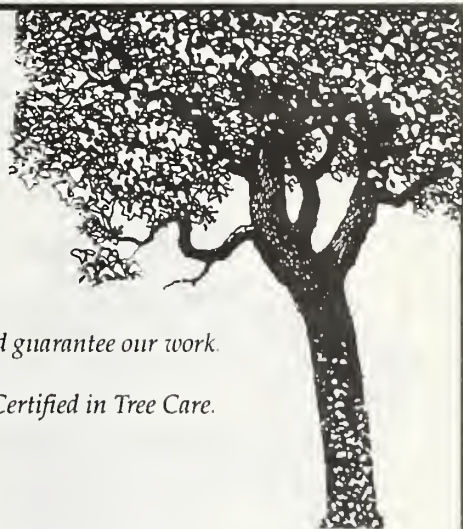
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the By-Law Review Committee, but Mr. Renfree said he was no longer interested in serving in that capacity.

The board also unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Miranda as the town's temporary Assistant Treasurer for the week while Town Treasurer Lillian Garbaciak is out due to a death in the family. Ms. Miranda will serve in this temporary capacity to do all banking business for the town during the interim.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a memo from DPW Superintendent Richard Setele regarding the proposed South Main Street paving project. As the Massachusetts Highway Department doesn't have the staff available to engineer the sidewalk to meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, the Town of Acushnet will have to hire an engineer for this purpose. Mr. Setele noted in his memo that an engineer has been contacted to get a cost estimate and the Board of Public Works (BPW) has been informed of this matter.

The Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) next sent a letter of support for Article 15 on the Annual Town Meeting warrant to appropriate funding for financing repairs, replacements, or upgrades of septic systems in Acushnet. The board unanimously voted to place this letter on file.

Animal Control Officer Alfred Brouillette next sent a request for a hearing on a complaint against Joseph and Jamie Ponte of Hope Street regarding the couple's two pit bull terriers. Chairman St. Jean noted that they need to contact the residents and the dog owners to schedule a hearing before the Board of Selectmen. As such, they agreed to hold this matter for another week until a hearing could be scheduled.

The Rochester Board of Selectmen next sent a letter to the board advising that they do not support placing an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant to accept the provisions of Section 16B of Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws. This law governs the amending of the original regional agreement between the towns and the Old Colony Regional School District. The board voted to place this letter on file.

The Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) next sent a memo regarding the board's appointed

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representative to the SRTA. The board unanimously voted to re-appoint Selectman Hardy as their representative to the SRTA Board.

Building Inspector James Buckles next submitted a letter to the board, advising that he will not be able to continue working in the Building Department for a few more weeks as previously suggested. Last week, they unanimously voted to appoint Leo Lyonnaise as the town's new Building Inspector, since Mr. Buckles did not come in for a scheduled interview. Though the Selectmen did request that Mr. Buckles remain on for a few weeks to assist in the changeover, he advised that due to "other obligations" and "conflicting interests," he would be unable to continue working under the present circumstances.

The board unanimously voted to place Mr. Buckles' letter on file and also agreed to send a letter to him, thanking him for his past service to the town and for agreeing to help Mr. Lyonnaise become familiar with the department. They also requested a fee schedule should they wish to hire him for "consultant work" in the future.

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Under New Business, Selectman Hardy noted that he is disturbed about the fact that they haven't changed the master keys or locks in Town Hall for six years. "There are some master keys floating around out there ... and I think we should investigate who has keys," he said.

Selectman Koczera went one step further, moving that the board have Town Hall Custodian Bill Murphy look into the cost of changing all the locks in the building. "We really should re-key all the locks if there are duplicate master keys out there," he said. "Why don't we ask (Mr. Murphy) to get some prices to change all the locks in Town Hall?"

On a similar note, the board noted that they will be looking into doing some exterior cleaning and repair work on the Town Hall building. Chairman St. Jean noted that Selectman Koczera will be handling the building's exterior maintenance, including replacing some windows, power-washing the stone walls, and applying a silicone sealant to protect it from weathering.

"The Town Hall is in dire need of maintenance work," Chairman St. Jean said. "This should be the showpiece of town buildings." Selectman Koczera said he would consult Town Hall Custodian Bill Murphy regarding estimates for this work.

The board also unanimously voted to adopt a new policy whereby student police cadets who are employed with the Town of Acushnet for at least three years, would be reimbursed for the enrollment fees they

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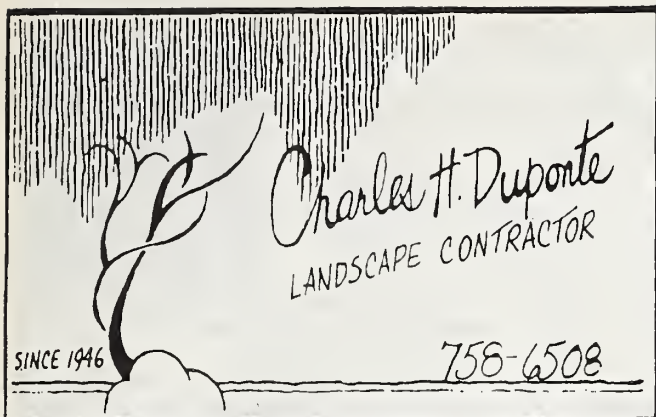
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pay to enter the Police Academy training program. Until recently, the state would pick up the bill for these enrollment fees, but now they are assessed to the individual police officers. As an incentive to keep trained officers in the town, the board felt they should reimburse those who decide to stay with the Acushnet department.

"We've had (officers) which we've trained and they've gone on to work for other communities," Selectman Koczera said. "We'd like to retain our investments."

At 6:02 pm the board voted to go into Executive Session with members of the Golf Course Committee to discuss the pending contract for the project. Upon returning to Open Session, the board announced that they



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had voted to award the bid for the Municipal Golf Course project to International Golf for \$2,950,219. The only other bidder was D. W. White, who came in at just over \$3.3 million. According to Selectman Koczera, the groundbreaking for the golf course should be scheduled within the next two or three weeks.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they voted to adjourn for the evening.

Acushnet Annual Town Meeting

April 28, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Acushnet was called to order on Monday, April 28 at 7:03

pm by Town Moderator Robert E. Francis, having noted the presence of a quorum. Town Meeting voters first considered two articles under a **Special Town Meeting (STM)** within the Annual.

Article 1 under the STM was a request for the town to transfer \$40,000 from the Sewer Surplus account, \$10,000 from the Sewer Reserve fund, and \$20,000 from the Sewer - Tarkiln Hill Road Capital Project Fund to cover anticipated deficit (totalling \$70,000) in the Sewer Pumping Account for fiscal 1997.

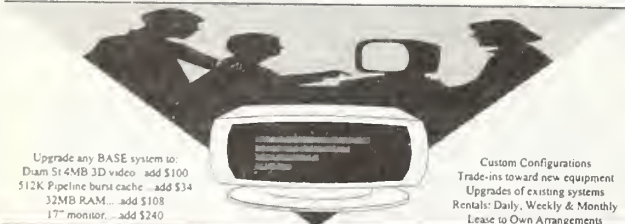
This article was referred to the Board of Public Works (BPW) and DPW Superintendent Richard Setele moved to amend the last figure from \$20,000 to \$15,000 so the final allocation would be reduced by \$5,000 to \$65,000. He explained that this money would be used to cover the shortfall in the money owed to the City of New Bedford due to increases in their charges since the last Town Meeting appropriation.

"New Bedford used to treat (Acushnet) as a wholesale customer and they would charge us half of the residential rate," Mr. Setele said. "The budget was based on a rate of \$1.33 per 100 cubic feet. That was raised to \$2.66 per 100 cubic feet. Then New Bedford increased their own rates to all residential customers to \$3.20 per 100 cubic feet." The article was passed with some opposition.

Under **Article 2** of the STM, voters were asked to transfer \$300 into the Animal Control Officer account (line item 5120) to cover the ACO's salary. Resident Donald

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Gaspar wanted to know what this \$300 was for and where it was going to go.

Selectman Everett Hardy explained that the town has an agreement with Fairhaven to share the services of an Animal Control Officer. There are times when Acushnet's ACO is working in Fairhaven, and in turn, Fairhaven deducts this from their bill to Acushnet. The Animal Control Officer worked additional time in Fairhaven this year, and this \$300 was to cover this overtime workload. Article 2 was thereby passed with opposition.

Mr. Francis adjourned the Special Town Meeting and convened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:25 pm. After a moment of silence for deceased Town Meeting members, Mr. Francis recognized George Perry of the Board of Assessors who wished to make a brief statement. "We are here tonight to consider a \$13,653,161 budget, which is approximately \$300,000 more than last year," he said. "For every \$1,000 spent, residents' taxes go up 25 cents ... so if everything is approved tonight, your taxes will increase by \$75. Remember that when you vote, and don't blame increased taxes on the Assessors."

Mr. Francis then reviewed Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting, which requested a total level-funded General Operating Budget for fiscal 1998 of \$13,653,161. Finance Committee Chairman John Howcroft urged residents to "stick to our recommendations" until the town had solid revenue estimates and the Cherry Sheet figures for 1998. "We're also asking that all other money

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articles be tabled with the exception of Article 1," he said. "This is a modest budget based on realistic figures at the present time."

Mr. Francis listed all the departmental line items in the General Operating Budget under Article 1, asking voters to "hold" those budgets which they wished to discuss and/or question. Voters then unanimously voted to approve all budgets which were not held during the initial reading of the warrant.

Donald Gaspar questioned the Selectmen's budget (department 1122), and wanted to know why there was a line item for repair and maintenance to a vehicle. "Do the Selectmen have a car?" he asked. Selectman Chairman Robert St. Jean noted that there is a town vehicle which is occasionally used for long trips, and this line item is for maintenance to that vehicle.

Mr. Gaspar also wanted to know why Software Expense under line item 5432 of the Data Processing budget was hiked to \$20,000. Selectman Hardy explained that the town will be purchasing a new software package and they are required, under copyright law, to purchase a program for each computer terminal. The new software will also include a payroll program for the Town Treasurer's office.

Residents also questioned the hiring of a part-time clerk to work in the Town Clerk's office for \$10,465 under line item 5120. Town Clerk Richard Threlfall noted that he would like to hire a part-time clerk so that his office could be opened longer hours "to better serve the needs of the community" during lunch hours and vacations. He also hopes to update the town's street listing, maps, and census information — all of which takes time.

On a similar note, there was also a \$2,000 request under the By-Laws department, which Mr. Threlfall said would be used to publish updated copies of the town's



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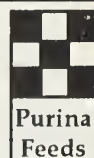
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by-laws, "which were last updated in book form in 1978."

One of the biggest bones of contention was creating a new, full-time Animal Control Officer (ACO) position for the town — a move that would require an allocation of \$20,000 under line item 5110. After much debate, Town Meeting voters decided to keep the current part-time ACO position funded at \$3,112. The additional \$16,888 was then transferred to the SEMASS account (4431) under line item 5292 for Curbside Pickup (bringing that total to \$61,888).

In an unexpected move, voters also decided to hire a full-time Water/Sewer Superintendent under both the DPW - Water Division (4450) and DPW - Sewer Division (4450) budgets, with funding for this position



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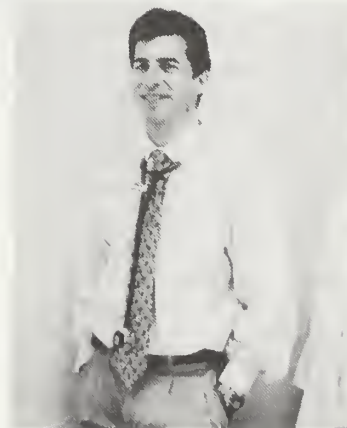
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Sports Shorts

By Pamela L. Sylvia

■ Senior Babe Ruth Baseball

A reminder that baseball players ages 16 to 18 are invited to sign up for **Senior Babe Ruth Baseball** teams. The season will be the summer of 1997. All players must live in Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, or Wareham. Sign-ups will be held on **Thursday, May 15** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Chadwick's Awards (behind Wareham Country Market on Route 6 in Wareham). If you have any questions, please call **Brendan** at 758-2275. Please bring a check for \$50 made out to "Gateway Senior Babe Ruth."

■ Mattapoisett Track Club

The **Mattapoisett Track Club** will be holding a Reorganization Meeting on **Sunday, May 4** at 6:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church. All members of the community who are interested in the continuance of the club are urged to attend. The group is looking for adults interested in becoming board members or officers, to help take over the daily business of running the club, as well as people

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■ Old Rochester Regional High School

• *Girls' Track* - The Lady Bulldogs had a successful week, excelling in both the local **South Coast Meets**. On Monday, April 22, they won 7 events as they hosted the SCC Relays. They blew away opposing teams, scoring 118 points total. On Friday, April 25, at the SCC Freshmen and Sophomore Meet, **Margaret Liljedahl** won the long jump and the 200. Plus, **Abbey Gilmore** won the 2-mile with a time of 12:55.8.

• *Boys' Track* - The Bulldogs' Boys team placed third overall at the SCC Relays, with a score of 61 points on April 22.

• *Baseball* - The boys split a pair of games this week. First, on April 22, they lost to Bourne, 6 to 1. But then on Friday, April 25, they rebounded over Wareham, winning 11 to 5. Their record overall is now 3-4, with a league standing of 3-3.

• *Softball* - The Lady Bulldogs suffered a tough week, dropping two games. On Monday, they first lost to Bourne, 6-5, in nine innings. Then on Wednesday, they dropped one to Apponequet, 12-4, to fall 2-3 overall for the season.

■ Fairhaven High School

• *Girls' Track* - On Monday, the Lady Blue Devils placed fourth overall at the SCC Relays with 45 points. On Tuesday, April 22, the girls won a tough meet over West Bridgewater, 83-52. **Crystal Therrien** and **Kim Melanson** each won three events. Finally, on Friday, April 25 at the SCC Freshman/Sophomore Meet, **Kerri Rioux** won the shot-put event at 30-81/2.

• *Boys' Track* - On Monday at the SCC Relays, the boys finished in fifth place overall with a total of 33 points. On Tuesday, they beat West Bridgewater, 94-42. **Aaron Matteos** won the 100 meters and finished second in two other events, sending them to the win. On Friday at the Freshman/Sophomore Meet, **Nephi Tyler** finished the 2-mile with a time of 10:11, winning the event.

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• **Baseball** - The Blue Devils were shaky this week, getting off to a rocky start. On Monday, they lost to Dighton-Rehoboth, 8-3, but then fell to Case on Wednesday by a score of 16-3. They rebounded on Friday, beating Bourne 9-4. They snapped a 4-4 tie with 5 runs in the sixth inning for the victory.

• **Softball** - On Wednesday, April 23, the girls lost to Case, 17-0. But then on Friday, they were defeated again at the hands of Bourne, 5-0. Their overall record dropped to 3-4.

■ Old Colony Regional Voke

• **Baseball** - The Cougars split a pair of games this week. First, they defeated Blue Hills, 6-2. But then on Friday, they lost to West Bridgewater, 10-7. Their record fell to 5-2, with a record of 3-1 in league play.

• **Softball** - The Lady Cougars struggled this week losing two games. They first fell to Westport, 20-5, making 4 errors contributing to the loss. Then on Friday, the girls lost to West Bridgewater, 24-2. Their overall record dropped to 2-4.

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Morris "Mudgie" Tavares. Mr. Tavares has been the prime mover of the Mattapoisett Track Club, which has offered a track program for the children of Mattapoisett, Marion, and Rochester. In addition, he has been involved with area students in many of their athletic pursuits. Mudgie has, for many years, almost single-handedly run the summer dances on the Mattapoisett Wharf.

The track dedication is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 pm, immediately after the Boys' and Girls' Track Meet between ORR, Coyle Cassidy, and Bishop Stang. The track meet begins at approximately 3:30 and the track dedication will begin at approximately 6:00 pm. The Boys' and Girls' Track Teams cordially invite all members of the ORR community to help them dedicate their new track.

Sundae Party in Acushnet

Acushnet Public School students in Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are cordially invited to bring their parents to a "Make Your Own Sundae Party" sponsored by the Acushnet Parents-Teachers Organization (PTO) on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm.

The event provides students and their parents the opportunity to learn about "how tobacco industry targets youth to become life-long addicted smokers and how students and adults can choose a healthy lifestyle."

Judith Coykendall, Program Director of the PACT Program, will present a lively and informative slide presentation revealing the tactics that tobacco advertisers use to lure young teens into nicotine addiction.

"Cigarettes are highly-addictive," said Ms. Coykendall. "One-third of young people who are 'just experimenting' end up being addicted by the time they are 20."

This presentation is designed to inform parents and students to be aware of the tobacco media campaign designed to convince our children that tobacco will make them thin, smart, attractive, and popular. Ms. Coykendall hopes "that this program will enable parents and their children to talk to each other more openly about nicotine addiction and its devastating effects."

For further information regarding this "deliciously educational event," please contact Jo-Anne Masson, Acushnet Public Schools Health Coordinator, at

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Also available adult cats this week include a double-pawed tortoiseshell, a Siamese-cross female, and several of the group's project cats including two silver gray tiger siblings — one male, and one female under a year of age — and a calico. All have been vet-checked and been tested negative and can be seen at Susan's (758-4044).

If you would like to adopt a dog, please call Kristin at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter (979-4028) to make an appointment.

The featured dog there this week is a small cream-colored female who is very timid and is anxiously awaiting to leave the shelter. She had three puppies there which have all been adopted. She is very sweet and needs a lot of TLC.

If interested in helping Animal Umbrella or in adopting one of the aforementioned pets, please contact one of the following local representatives:

- Mary Lou at 758-9202;
- Priscilla at 758-2896;
- Trudy at 990-7806.

The next Cat and Dog Adoption Day will be held on Saturday, May 3 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at the National Pet Care Center in the Ann & Hope Plaza in North Dartmouth.

Thanks to last week's article, the lost calico was returned to its owner.

Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of May will be held on Wednesday, May 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and



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Memorial Day Boat Race

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoissett River will take place on Monday, May 26 starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road in Rochester, and finish at the Herring Weir, Route 6 in Mattapoissett. The race is open to persons of all ages. There will be two persons to a boat. There are divisions for men, women, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed and a parent/child division (child to be under 14 years old). Junior division teams are both contestants under 14



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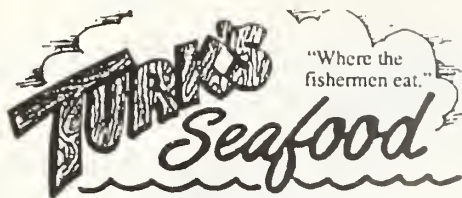
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The Boat Race Ham and Bean Supper will be served on the Saturday evening of Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, at the Rochester Memorial School. Tickets for the supper may be purchased from boat race contestants or at the door. Proceeds from the supper, along with donations collected Memorial Day, provide the money for the prizes.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded Memorial Day at the Rochester Memorial School at 7:30 pm. For further information, please contact Boat Race Chairman Arthur Benner at 763-2024.

Well-Child Clinic in Marion

The Marion Visiting Nurses will hold a Well-Child Clinic on Thursday, May 8 at 9:00 am at the Marion Visiting Nurse Association Offices, 13 Spring Street in Marion. Dr. Charles S. Gleason will give physical exams, immunizations, hemoglobin counts, and lead screening to eligible Marion and Rochester children, newborn to 16 years old. Donation is \$5 per child. For information or to make an appointment, please call 748-1020.

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Storytime at Mattapoisett Library

Registration for "Storytime for Two-Year-Olds" is now taking place in the Children's Room at the Mattapoisett Public Library. The thirty-minute program is for two-year-olds accompanied by an adult and will consist of stories, fingerplays, puppets, music, and quiet



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French Students Coming to Area

Fifteen high school students from the southern France area will summer in the Fairhaven/Mattapoisett/Marion area from July 7 through July 27 to participate in the third year of the Center for Education Travel (CET) program headed by Carol Kaner, an instructor in the Foreign Language department at Fairhaven High School.

Host families are needed for the visitors, and the opportunity is an interesting one with many benefits for the hosting family. Host families need only to provide sleeping quarters, a bag lunch, and minimal transportation to a convenient drop-off place. High school students who host will receive a certificate of participation, a great thing to add to a college resume. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to make lifelong friends and share in all of the cultural and social activities that make this a fun, busy, and quality experience.

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The Annual Meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club was held on Thursday, April 17 at the Hawthorne Country Club. The business meeting followed luncheon, and officers for the coming year were elected and installed. The new officers are: President Blanche Perry; Vice President (open); Recording Secretary Judith Livolsi; Corresponding Secretary Laura Robinson; Treasurer Phyllis Grader; Assistant Treasurer Marion Roberts; Director 1998 Gladys Hinman; Director 1999 Sandra Dawson; Director 2000 Alison Henderson. Regular club meetings will resume in September. During the summer, the Garden Group of the Woman's Club plants and maintains the window boxes and planters at the Mattapoisett Post Office and other town buildings, and the club will also participate in Harbor Days.

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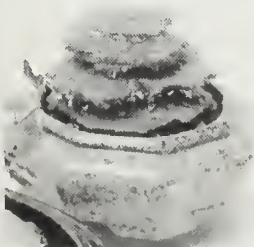
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Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at
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and are timed to allow mothers to be home in time for
school dismissal. Guests are always welcome.

Acushnet Wheelers Car Club

Oldies on Parade

The Acushnet Wheelers Car Club will sponsor
their annual "Oldies on Parade" on Sunday, May 4
beginning at 4:00 pm (rain date: Sunday, May 11).
Forming at the Acushnet/Fairhaven town line, the parade
will travel to The Highlander Restaurant in Acushnet. All
oldies and classic cars are welcome. The parade route will
follow South Main Street to Main Street to Hamlin Street
to Middle Road to Lake Street to Main Street, ending at
The Highlander. Ribbons will be given to the first 75
participants. For more information, please call 997-1094.
Blessing of the Oldies

The Acushnet Wheelers Car Club will be
sponsoring the Second Annual "Blessing of the Oldies" on
Sunday, May 11 at 6:00 pm sharp at The Highlander, 789
Main Street in Acushnet. Bring your car, hot rod, custom
car, truck, classic car, antique, show car ... any vehicle you
would like to be blessed. Rain date for the event will be
Sunday, May 18. A cruise night will follow the 6:00 pm
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Electric Meeting in Rochester

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The Machacam Club - Mattapoisett

The Machacam Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 7 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour will be at 5:30 pm with dinner service beginning at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Michael Collyer of Marine Safety Consultants. Mike will talk to the membership about his firm's involvement as the surveyors for the *Bright Field*, the commercial vessel that struck the River Walk Mall in New Orleans. Callers are reminded to phone in their lists no later than 9:00 pm on May 5. Last minute changes and reservations can be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

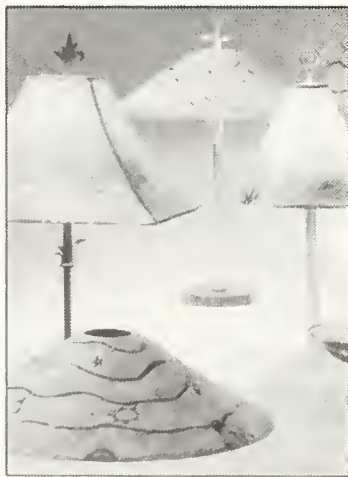
Rochester Country Tour

On Saturday, June 21, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, a tour of the North Rochester Congregational Church, the Rochester Center Congregational Church, four old homes, a new home, and the Clydesdale horses in a 1756 barn at Eastover Farms will be open to the public.

Dubbed "A Country Tour," the event is being sponsored by the Rochester Historical Society and will include guided tours and information on the following historic sites of interest:

- The Swift Homestead (136 North Avenue) - This house, a spacious two-story farmhouse, was built in 1745. There is an old well in the remodeled kitchen and a spacious deck. There are several fireplaces, including a Franklin cast iron. The house also features beamed ceilings, wide pine floor boards, braided rugs, and interesting accessories which add charm;
- The Old North Church (245 North Avenue) - The Third Parish, or North Rochester Church, was organized exactly 250 years ago — its charter being granted in June 1747, the result of a squabble between Rev. Ruggles of the First Parish and Noah Sprague, Esq. It served the remote villages in North Rochester, South Middleboro, and East Freetown. The Rev. Thomas West served as her first minister in a tiny building beside the cemetery on Braley Hill Road. It is here that Rev. West is buried. A second building was erected on the present location in 1791. In 1840, Rev. Isaac Briggs led a fundraiser

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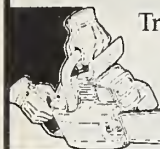
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MOVIES & ENTERTAINMENT

Branagh's *Hamlet* is a lavish depiction of Shakespeare classic

BY ROB GONSALVES

■ *Hamlet*. Starring Kenneth Branagh and Derek Jacobi. Directed by Kenneth Branagh. Running time: 242 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

At his best, and sometimes at his worst, Kenneth Branagh is an exuberant and playful actor-director. His excess was wretched when applied to the sedate Mary Shelley, but it's perfect for Shakespeare. In *Hamlet*, Branagh gives you both barrels — the full play, which usually takes about five hours to perform on stage. Branagh brings it in at just over four hours, and it hurtles ahead like the bus in *Speed* (a comparison Branagh might enjoy) — bulky but fast and exhilarating.

As *Hamlet*, Branagh wears a triangular goatee pointing down at his body, as if to indicate that this production will be preoccupied with the physical. Branagh's camera circles around huge, opulent sets; he delivers his pre-intermission soliloquy in front of a vast expanse of snow, with Fortinbras' army approaching far in the distance. (It's a glaringly obvious process shot, but I didn't care.) The cumulative effect of four hours of Ken's Magic Show is far from boredom; it's closer to happy exhaustion, like the aftermath of a great meal. And Branagh keeps serving up one irresistible dessert after another.

In his eagerness to lure the mass American audience, Branagh also serves up a batch of novelty cameos. Ooh, there's Billy Crystal as the gravedigger! (He's actually pretty funny.) And here's Jack Lemmon,

Charlton Heston, Robin Williams, and a few others in a variety of walk-ons ranging from amusing to meaningless. A gross example of the latter is Gerard Depardieu, whose sole function in his one brief scene is to listen to Polonius and say "Yes, my lord." Scenes like this make you wish that Branagh had settled for an almost complete adaptation.

Still, even Branagh's insistence on retaining the pointless moments is refreshing nowadays, when every scene in a Hollywood film timidly serves some Screenwriting 101 purpose. And when Branagh gives the floor to his main actors, all is forgiven. Derek Jacobi, who directed Branagh in two productions of *Hamlet*, makes an imposing and lusty Claudius. Kate Winslet's Ophelia is earthy and lively, making her descent into madness all the more vivid. Julie Christie, a newcomer to Shakespeare, is a touching and conflicted Gertrude. (Branagh has dropped the Oedipal interpretation as seen in the Mel Gibson *Hamlet*.)

Hamlet is a notoriously difficult role, and Branagh does some amazing things and some other things that don't work. His gestures often seem too smooth and practiced (watch him in his first soliloquy), and he's too openly furious a lot of the time. Branagh never met a rant he didn't like; he's Dennis Miller as a tragic hero. Mostly, though, Branagh the actor-director just wants to put on an eye-popping show, and he does.

Consider, for instance, the brilliant conception of "To be or not to be," which Branagh delivers into a two-way mirror, with Polonius and Claudius behind it watching him. At the end, Fortinbras' soldiers crash through the mirrored doors, as if shattering the narcissism, paranoia, and rampant deceit in the corridors of power. It's an action climax; finally, John Woo meets Shakespeare! Die-hard Bard students may quibble, but this gargantuan and glorious *Hamlet* is a movie-lover's paradise.

MOVIE LISTINGS

■ CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
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Sa/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:00

Anaconda (PG-13) — Fri: 4:45, 7:15, 9:15;

Sa/Sun: 12:15, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:15, 9:00

Hamlet (PG-13) — Fri: 7:00; Sa/Sun: 12:30, 7:00; Mon-Thu: 6:45

Austin Powers* (PG-13) — Fri: 4:45, 7:00, 9:00;

Sa/Sun: 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:00; Mon-Thu: 7:15, 9:00

Kolya (PG-13) — Fri: 4:45, 9:20; Sa/Sun: 12:00, 4:45, 9:20; Mon-Thu: 6:45

The Devil's Own (R) — Fri: 7:15; Sa/Sun: 2:15, 7:15; Mon-Thu: 8:45

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Breakdown (R) — 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:10

Volcano (PG-13) — 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00

Liar, Liar (PG-13) — 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Paradise Road (R) — 1:50, 4:20

Grosse Pointe Blank (R) — 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20

Chasing Amy (R) — 7:00, 9:20

The Saint (PG-13) — 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

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the sixth generation living there now. This home has five fireplaces, two hand-painted fireplace screens, original woodwork, and an open staircase in the front entrance. The present residents have filled the house with brilliant colors and several collections including plates, ducks, birds, lighthouses, and cup plates.

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Marion Conservation Commission

Effective June 1997, the Marion Conservation Commission (ConCom) will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Town House main conference room. Meeting dates for the remainder of 1997 are tentatively scheduled for:

Thursday, May 8; Thursday, May 22; Wednesday, June 11; Wednesday, June 25; Wednesday, July 9; Wednesday, July 23; Wednesday, August 6; Wednesday, August 20; Wednesday, September 10; Wednesday, September 24; Wednesday, October 1; Wednesday, October 15; Wednesday, November 5; Wednesday, November 19; Wednesday, December 3; Wednesday, December 17. Please note that some meetings have been changed due to holiday or scheduling conflict.

Women's Community Guild

The Women's Community Guild will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The program will include a performance by the Old Hammondtown Jazz Band under the direction of Stan Ellis. Guests are welcome.

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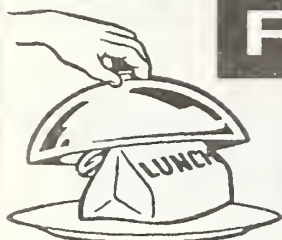
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Wednesday, May 7 — Sloppy Joes on a bun, rice, corn, or bologna sandwich and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, May 8 — Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, or ham sandwich and soup, cranberry sauce, milk, dessert.

Friday, May 9 — French bread pizza with linguica, pasta salad, or tuna sandwich and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, May 5 — Roasted chicken leg, rice pilaf, summer blend vegetables, branola bread, canned pineapple.

Tuesday, May 6 — Meatballs with shells and tomato sauce, green beans, white bread, grapefruit juice, sugar cookie.

Wednesday, May 7 — Pork chop with gravy, whipped potatoes, spinach, oatmeal bread, date pocket.

Thursday, May 8 — Meat pie with gravy, baked potato, peas and carrots, wheat roll, fresh pear.

Friday, May 9 — New England clam chowder, seafood salad roll, four-bean salad, lettuce and tomato salad with dressing, chocolate pudding.

■ CENTER SCHOOL — MATTAPOISETT

Monday, May 5 — Hamburger or cheeseburger, or tuna pocket, puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 6 — Chicken patty, or ham and cheese pocket, macaroni salad, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 7 — American chop suey, French bread, or chicken fajita pocket, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 8 — Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, or Steak'Um with cheese in a pocket, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 9 — Pizza, or tuna pocket, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, May 5 — Taco boat with all the fixings, Steak'Um and cheese sub, Louis Rich turkey sub, Spanish rice, corn, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, May 6 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, chicken salad, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potato, peas, chilled pears, peach cobbler with topping.

Wednesday, May 7 — Spaghetti twists with grated mozzarella, mac rib sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, tossed salad, green beans, mixed fruit, apple crisp with topping.

Thursday, May 8 — Hot dog on a roll, meatloaf with gravy, "hero" sub, whipped potatoes, corn, applesauce, orange jello with topping.

Friday, May 9 — Shaved turkey club, Steak'Um and cheese, hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, baked beans, applesauce, blueberry pie.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 5 — Taco boat with all the fixings, chicken salad pocket, Steak'Um fajita, chili, Spanish rice, tossed salad, jalapeno peppers, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

Tuesday, May 6 — Baked lasagna, Italian grinder, hamburger/cheeseburger, potato puffs, corn, applesauce, peach cobbler with topping.

Wednesday, May 7 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, chicken chow mein with crispy noodles, mac rib sub, steamed rice, Oriental vegetables, chilled apricots, raspberry jello with topping.

Thursday, May 8 — Sausage spaghetti twists, grated mozzarella, hamburger/cheeseburger, ham and cheese on rye, whole green beans, salad, chilled peaches, apple crisp with topping.

Friday, May 9 — Italian meat loaf with sauce, grated mozzarella, turkey, lettuce, tomato, seasoned pasta noodles, broccoli and carrots, applesauce, blueberry pie.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL — ACUSHNET

Monday, May 5 — Mini cheese ravioli with sauce, green beans, bread, or ham sandwich and soup, milk, dessert.

Tuesday, May 6 — Hamburger on a bun, French fries, pickles, or turkey sandwich and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, May 7 — Sloppy Joes on a bun, rice, corn, or bologna sandwich and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, May 8 — Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, or ham sandwich and soup, cranberry sauce, milk, dessert.

Friday, May 9 — French bread pizza with linguica, pasta salad, or tuna sandwich and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, May 5 — Taco boat with all the fixings, Steak'Um and cheese sub, Louis Rich turkey sub, Spanish rice, corn, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, May 6 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, chicken salad, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potato, peas, chilled pears, peach cobbler with topping.

Wednesday, May 7 — Spaghetti twists with grated mozzarella, mac rib sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, tossed salad, green beans, mixed fruit, apple crisp with topping.

Thursday, May 8 — Hot dog on a roll, meatloaf with gravy, "hero" sub, whipped potatoes, corn, applesauce, orange jello with topping.

Friday, May 9 — Shaved turkey club, Steak'Um and cheese, hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, baked beans, applesauce, blueberry pie.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL — ROCHESTER

Monday, May 5 — Hamburger or cheeseburger, or tuna pocket, puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 6 — Chicken patty, or ham and cheese pocket, macaroni salad, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 7 — American chop suey, French bread, or chicken fajita pocket, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 8 — Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, or Steak'Um with cheese in a pocket, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 9 — Pizza, or tuna pocket, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE

Monday, May 5 — Juice, chicken nuggets, spicy fries, cranberry sauce, peas, bread, pudding.

Tuesday, May 6 — Beef burrito, tortilla chips, corn, fruit, chocolate cake.

Wednesday, May 7 — Swedish meatballs, noodles, mixed vegetables, applesauce, bread, cookie.

Thursday, May 8 — Fruit punch, grilled ham and cheese, French fries, peas, peanut butter macaroon.

Friday, May 9 — Vegetable soup, pizza or seafood salad, pretzels, carrots, dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL

Monday, May 5 — Hamburger or cheeseburger, or tuna pocket, puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 6 — Chicken patty, or ham and cheese pocket, macaroni salad, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 7 — American chop suey, French bread, or chicken fajita pocket, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 8 — Baked chicken,

mashed potatoes, peas, roll, or Steak'Um with cheese in a pocket, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 9 — Pizza, or tuna pocket, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

■ ORR JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 5 — Soup, linguica and cheese pocket, chicken patty, macaroni salad, juice or milk.

Tuesday, May 6 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, or Steak'Um, garlic bread, green beans, juice or milk.

Wednesday, May 7 — Soup, grilled hot dogs, or chicken fritters, fries, pickles, carrot sticks, juice or milk.

Thursday, May 8 — BBQ chicken, or ham and cheese croissant, mashed potato, gravy, carrots, roll, juice or milk.

Friday, May 9 — Chicken fillet, BBQ ribs, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL — MARION

Monday, May 5 — Hamburger or cheeseburger, or tuna pocket, puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 6 — Chicken patty, or ham and cheese pocket, macaroni salad, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 7 — American chop suey, French bread, or chicken fajita pocket, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 8 — Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, or Steak'Um with cheese in a pocket, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 9 — Pizza, or tuna pocket, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL — FAIRHAVEN

Monday, May 5 — Taco boat with all the fixings, Steak'Um and cheese sub, Louis Rich turkey sub, Spanish rice, corn, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, May 6 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, chicken salad, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potato, peas, chilled pears, peach cobbler with topping.

Wednesday, May 7 — Spaghetti twists with grated mozzarella, mac rib sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, tossed salad, green beans, mixed fruit, apple crisp with topping.

Thursday, May 8 — Hot dog on a roll, meatloaf with gravy, "hero" sub, whipped potatoes, corn, applesauce, orange jello with topping.

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Mariner Youth Soccer Club

New player registrations for the Mariner Youth Soccer Club, Inc. will take place on May 3 and May 4 at the Mariner Soccer Fields in Fairhaven (behind Lifestyles Plaza on Route 6) from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. A copy of the birth certificate is needed for all new registrants. Registration fee is \$55 for the first child, \$45 for the second, \$30 for the third, and \$15 for the fourth or more in the same family. Children in Marion, Rochester, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, and Acushnet are eligible to participate in the program.

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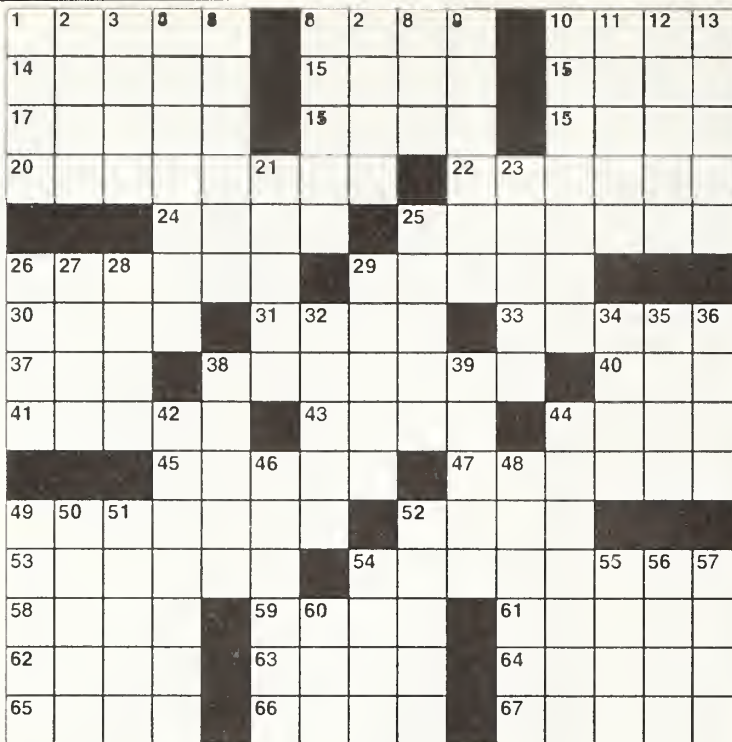
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Try not to argue with an authority figure. It's a losing battle. Brains will win over brawn.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Your business savvy is right on target. Go with your instincts to make a profitable choice. The boss will be in a fine mood.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Send as much as possible into your savings account. You'll be glad you did. An imaginative older person may be hard to follow. Do the work to keep up.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Your partner may be infuriating, but probably is also right. Learn more about the stock market so you can increase your earnings.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Do the work and make lots of money. Let a partner carry more of the load. He or she can accomplish something easily that you find way too difficult.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're lucky in love. Schedule your time accordingly. Study complicated technical material to improve your work skills.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Find the funding you need from a private source. Make a commitment with your sweetheart. A barrier will be overcome through love.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something you learn from a friend can help your partnership prosper. Consider a change that needs to be made at home. Make the decision.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Ask your boss for a raise. Study complicated technical subjects. Also fix household appliances or buy new ones.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're lucky, strong and wise. Go for it. Money's coming into your account. Use it to buy electronics.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may feel like somebody's leaning over your shoulder watching your every move.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Heed an older friend's advice. A neighbor can help you through a bureaucratic maze. Once that's done, you'll have more time to play together.

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Student Concert at ORR

"Sing and Community Swing," featuring music by students in area schools, will be held at Old Rochester Regional High School on Sunday, May 4 beginning at 2:00 pm. The concert will be a tribute to mothers and grandmothers in honor of Mother's Day.

Performing in the concert are the Mattapoisett Center School Third Grade Chorus and the Intergenerational Chorus, directed by Jean West and accompanied by Michelle Gordon. Kristie Valliere will perform as flute soloist. The Old Hammondtown School Jazz Band of Mattapoisett, winners of several medals for their performances, will play under the direction of Stan Ellis.

The Old Rochester Regional High School Band will perform as directed by James Farmer. The Tabor Academy Madrigal Singers will entertain directed by David Horne. Also appearing will be the Wareham Variety Show Choir as directed by Jeff Terek.

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

#670 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of the Carr Family Partnership who are seeking a variance from set back requirements under section VIII.C.3. Property is located at 228 Mary's Pond Road, Assessors plan 9 lot 9. Public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 1997 at 7:15 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Charles Wolf, Chairman 4/25, 5/2

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 1997 at 7:15pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent of Susan Fine, 9 Clifford Street, Lenox, MA. The proposed project is to reconstruct and expand a single family dwelling and repair a sewage disposal system within the 100 foot buffer zone to a coastal beach and within a FEMA Flood Zone pursuant to 310 CMR 10.00. The project is located at Lot 209, Map 5A, 20 Silvershell Road, Mattapoisett, MA. 05/02

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 20, 1997 at 7:15pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent of James J. & Elanor R. Lind, 15 Avenue B. Mattapoisett, MA. The proposed project involves construction of a six foot by eight foot (6'x8') addition to an existing dwelling and repairing the associated sewage disposal system. The project is located at Lot 121, Map 2A, 2 First Street, Mattapoisett, MA. 05/02

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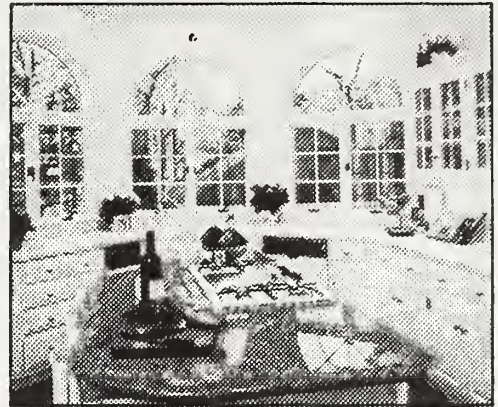
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Senior Pharmacy Program

Eligible seniors can receive up to \$500 a year for certain prescription drugs if they enroll in the Senior Pharmacy Program under Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. To be eligible, seniors must be a resident of the state for the last six months, must be age 65 or older, cannot be enrolled in a Medicare program, cannot have prescription drug coverage from a supplemental policy (Medigap or HMO plan) or any third party payer, and must have an income no greater than 133 percent of the federal poverty level (\$10,494) per year per individual.

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Mattapoisett Seniors

The Mattapoisett Seniors will be meeting at 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 8 at the Mattapoisett Senior Center on Route 6 for a sandwich and dessert luncheon. Bingo is planned for the entertainment and members and their guests are invited to attend.

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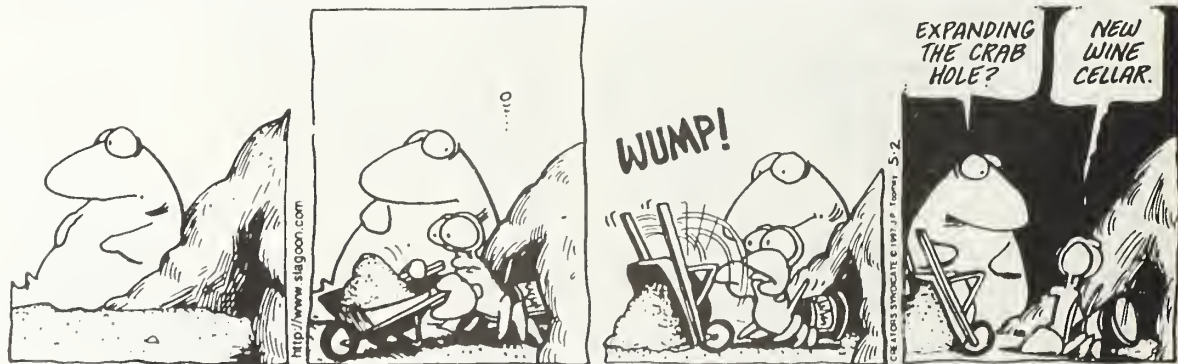
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- Monday, May 5 - ORR District School Committee and the Massachusetts School Superintendency Union No. 55 at ORR High School;
- Wednesday, May 7 - Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
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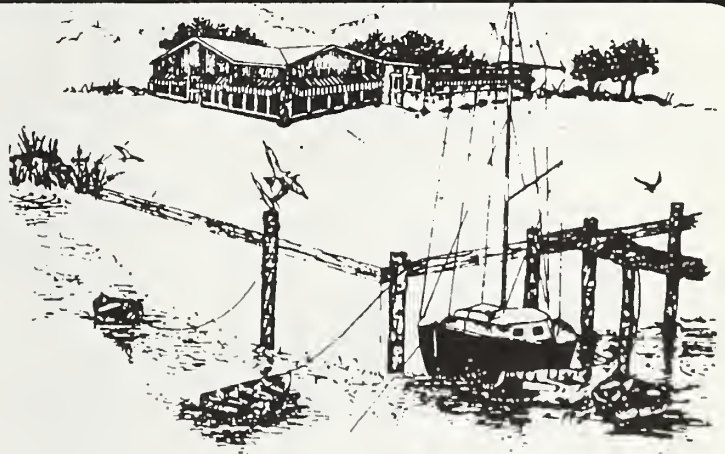
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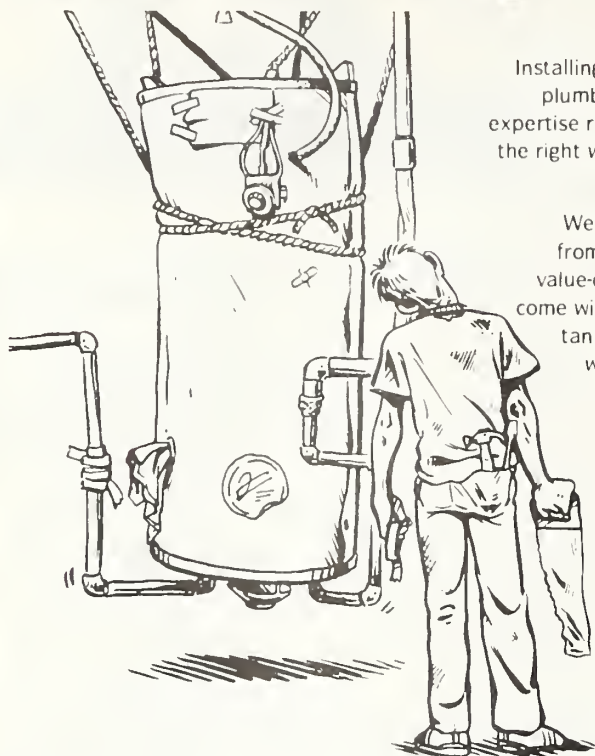
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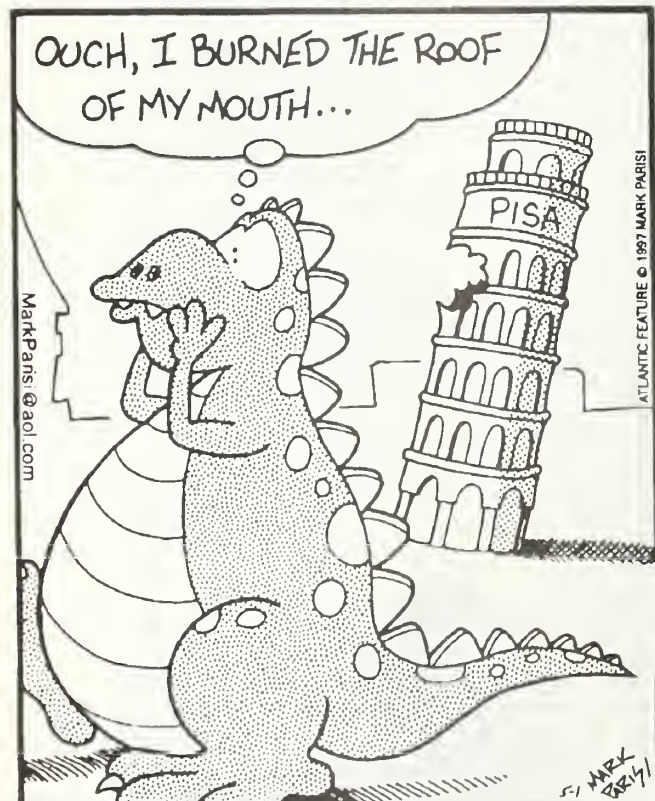


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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
May 2:	Fri.	4:39	5:10	10:26	11:11
May 3:	Sat.	5:36	6:04	11:27	...
May 4:	Sun.	6:30	6:55	12:14	12:24
May 5:	Mon.	7:21	7:44	1:08	1:11
May 6:	Tues.	8:10	8:32	1:58	1:58
May 7:	Wed.	8:59	9:20	2:44	2:41
May 8:	Thur.	9:46	10:06	3:28	3:24
May 9:	Fri.	10:33	10:53	4:10	4:05
May 10:	Sat.	11:21	11:41	4:50	4:46
May 11:	Sun.	...	12:11	5:30	5:29
May 12:	Mon.	12:31	1:03	6:11	6:15
May 13:	Tues.	1:24	1:58	6:55	7:08
May 14:	Wed.	2:19	2:54	7:44	8:12
May 15:	Thur.	3:14	3:48	8:40	9:25
May 16:	Fri.	4:09	4:40	9:37	10:33
May 17:	Sat.	5:00	5:27	10:30	11:24
May 18:	Sun.	5:48	6:12	11:16	...
May 19:	Mon.	6:33	6:55	12:07	12:00
Phases of the Moon		New Moon	May 6th		
		First Quarter	May 14th		
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